

paragraph bridging pages 3-4 of the previous Final Action. Additionally, all of the claims have been amended to specify that the printing plates are lithographic printing plates.

Turning to the several art rejections raised in the previous Final Action, the rejection of claim 26 was anticipated by Ma et al. is rendered moot since Ma et al. does not teach substrate formed of an aluminum plate. Thus, on this basis alone, claim 26 cannot be said to be anticipated by Ma et al.

Turning to the rejection of claims 27 and 28, claims 27 and 28 are dependent on claim 26. To the extent the Examiner may consider to apply the combination of Ma et al. and Bratt to claims 26 and 28, as noted supra, claim 26 has been amended to also specify that the alkaline materials are responsible for changes in solubility of the coating. Neither Ma et al., nor Bratt teach this. Accordingly, no combination of Ma et al. and Bratt reasonably could be said to achieve render obvious claim 26 or claims 27 and 28 which depend thereon.

Turning to the rejection of claims 29 and 30 as anticipated by or obvious from Leenders, and also the rejection of claim 31 as obvious from Leenders, et al., claim 29 has been amended to specify that the coating was made photosensitive by inclusion of diazo compounds. Leenders is a silver halide imaging system and thus relies on very different chemistry. Accordingly, neither claim 29 nor claims 30 and 31, which depends thereon can be said to be anticipated by or obvious from Leenders.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a marked copy of the specification paragraph and amended claims showing the changes made therein accompanies this amendment.

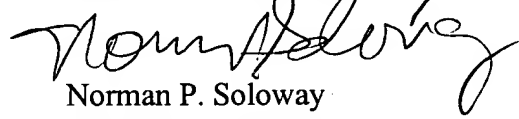
Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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26. A lithographic printing plate, comprising:
- [a substrate] an aluminum plate having a surface covered at least in part with a coating, wherein a part of said coating defines an image by insolubility of said part in a developer, [and] wherein said insoluble part contains a higher concentration of alkaline materials than the soluble part of said coating, and wherein said alkaline materials are responsible for changes in solubility of said coatings.
27. A printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the substrate comprises an anodized aluminum plate.
28. A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.
29. A lithographic printing plate, comprising:
- [a substrate] an aluminum plate having a surface covered at least in part with a coating which coating is at least in part made photosensitive by inclusion of diazo compounds, wherein a part of said coating defines an image by insolubility of said image in a developer, [and] wherein said insoluble image contains a higher concentration of alkaline materials than the soluble portion of said coating, and wherein said alkaline materials are responsible for changes in solubility of said coating.
30. A printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the substrate comprises an anodized aluminum plate.
31. A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.

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